

SIUSLAW WATERSHED COUNCIL NEWS

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Message from the Chair

Dear Watershed Council Members,

Congratulations on winning the 2004 Thiess International RiverPrize! Thank you for the role that YOU played in making this honor possible. No matter how small your role, it made a difference. I hope that we are all proud to be a part of the Siuslaw Watershed Council's partnership.

Whenever you see the Council's name recognized as one of the four main partners in the Siuslaw Basin Partnership, I hope that you recognize that YOU make up the Council. Every bit of effort that has been made to help the Council is what the Siuslaw Watershed Council is all about...working together for better watersheds and salmon. Whether you gave a donation, became a member, volunteered at an event or ongoing activity, came to a meeting, sent a representative from your group to the Council, or did conservation or restoration on your land, you have helped to make all of the efforts possible.

The responses to the news of the RiverPrize that has made me the most excited have been when folks say, "WE won!". These folks recognize that we all play a role in the beauty and health of our watershed known as the Siuslaw.

Now is the time to celebrate! It is time to shine, not just as a Council but also as a watershed. It is also time that we can find new ways to work together. Afterall, we have a reputation to live up to!

Sincerely,

Paula "Cricket" Crowder, Chair
Executive Committee
Siuslaw Watershed Council



Council News and Updates:

Holiday Meeting Changes—'Tis the season to swap meetings around! The Executive Committee wanted to suggest combining the November and December meetings and hold it on December 1. We would make it a festive potluck with a presentation on the Thiess International RiverPrize! Bring a friend and a can of food for food share, and don't forget to get some raffle tickets (available by suggested donation). We will present this to the General Council at the General Council Meeting on September 29 at 6:30 at the Mapleton Grange on East Mapleton Road. If you can't make the September meeting and have another holiday meeting suggestion, please email watershed@siuslaw.org by October 13.

Council Positions Available

Administrative Assistant: General office duties, including, computer keyboarding, organizational skills, communications: email, phone, letters. Experience and additional office skills (*i.e. Power Point, Photoshop, Excel*) a plus. \$10/hour 60 hours a month.

Water Quality Monitoring Volunteer Coordinator—Coordinate Volunteers, order supplies, compile data, write reports, conduct training workshops. Experience in coordinating volunteers and knowledge in water quality monitoring and applicable processes required. \$16/hour, 20 hours a month.

To Apply: send resume to Siuslaw Watershed Council, PO Box 422, Mapleton, OR 97453.

One may apply for both positions, if interested and skilled. Deadline for resume submission is October 5.

Elections

Elections are coming upon us rather quickly! If you hold a position on the Leadership Board or Executive Committee, and would like to stay on the ballot for your position, please contact Cricket, watershed@siuslaw.org. If you would like to be placed on the ballot or nominate someone for a position, also contact Cricket at the email address listed above.

Proposal Deadlines:

Stewardship Fund proposals are due on **October 15**, applications are available on the Council website www.siuslaw.org

OWEB Restoration: proposals are due to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board on October 25. Contact watershed@siuslaw.org to inquire about OWEB proposals.

The Siuslaw Watershed Council is a non-profit, 501c3, organization. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. If you are interested in volunteer positions, in or out of the field, please contact watershed@siuslaw.org

Goings-On: Council Projects Updates

Estuarine Wetland Prioritization (funded by DEQ): data collection for the ecological assessment to prioritize estuary wetlands is underway. Look for a landowner meeting to be hosted sometime in the next few months to get community input on how to prioritize wetlands for conservation. Project contractor: Laura Brophy (Green Point Consulting).

Helicopter Contracting (funded by OWEB and NFF). Ground work was completed on September 22 to place large wood in segments of the North Fork Siuslaw River watershed for habitat enhancement. The US Forest Service and three private landowners participated. Project management: Siuslaw National Forest and Siuslaw SWCD.

Karnowsky Creek Vegetation Management (funded by NFF): Native species planting in the restored riparian area slated for the upcoming planting season. Project manager: Steve Elliot.

Fish Passage Enhancement (funded by OWEB, BLM, Coastal Initiative): The project contractor, Aquador Consulting, has completed the draft designs for 19 culvert replacements. Sites include County and BLM roads, industrial timber land, and private properties. 10 locations are in the Wildcat Creek sub-watershed, which promises to significantly open up fish habitat in that area. The fish passage prioritization process, site selection and design considerations will be highlighted in a presentation at the OWEB Biennial Conference in November and through OWEB's North Coast Web Portal prototype project currently being designed. Project manager: Todd Miller.

Riparian Restoration (native plant giveaway): The OWEB-funded project came to a close this month. We are looking forward to next year with continued funding for this project coming from the Stewardship Fund. The project will include enhanced monitoring to assess the success of the program. Project Manager: Nancy Nichols.

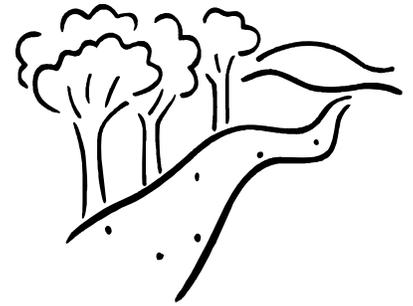
Eames Creek Stream Enhancement (funded by Coastal Initiative): This Wolf Creek tributary will be habitat enhanced with large wood placements along 1.5 miles of stream. Work is being completed by ODFW project manager Jason Kirchner.

Projects Pending:

The **Siuslaw Watershed Initiative** proposed by Ecotrust was conditionally awarded just less than \$1 million (a reduced amount) by EPA. Initiative partners, including the SWC, are working on work plan revisions to meet the EPA criteria. When funded, this grant will greatly enhance research, monitoring, prioritization, and data management projects in the Siuslaw watershed. This project will have multiple managers depending on the scope of work.

Another EPA grant proposal for **Nutrient Criteria Development** based on studies in the Karnowsky Creek estuarine system is looking promising. Look for updates.

Siuslaw Watershed Council
General Meeting Agenda
September 29, 2004
Mapleton Grange Hall
6:30 p.m.



6:30-6:40 **Welcome and Introductions**

6:40-7:00 **Presentation: Brian Higgins, ODFW** : will give an update of the Chinook survey being done on the Siuslaw again this year.

7:00-7:40 **Presentation: Strategic Plan, Part Three—**
Brief review of FINAL Strategic Plan
Review of Action Items and input session
Future Action Plan meeting dates
Opportunity to join committee

7:40-7:55 **Break and Refreshments**

7:55-8:05 **Reports and Updates**
Coordinator's Report (*Todd's report will be given by Cricket*)

8:05-8:20 **Open Mic** (*3-5 speakers, 3-5 minutes each*)

8:20-8:30 **Announcements**

8:30 **Adjourn**

If you haven't checked out the Siuslaw River Gauge on the web, take a look. There is lots of historical information so you can easily tell if we are having a drier or wetter than normal month. Go to <http://or.waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/rt>. Click on the Siuslaw River on the map for our local information.

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* **Monthly Raffle** *
* To help raise funds for the *
* Council, we are holding a *
* raffle of donated items at *
* each General Council meet- *
* ing. Tickets are a suggested *
* donation of \$1 each or 6 for *
* \$5. The winner will get to *
* choose from available *
* items. *
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More Council News...

Treasurer's Report: There will be a combined Treasurer's Report in the October edition of the Siuslaw Watershed Council News.

Strategic Planning: Well the strategic planning process is almost complete (until 2009 at least. During the presentation portion of the August General Council Meeting,) the Draft SWC Strategic Plan was presented. There was a comment period on the Draft that ended on September 14. No comments on the Draft were given. A presentation of the Final SWC Strategic Plan will be presented at the September General Council Meeting. An interactive session will follow as we begin to list action items from the Strategic Plan to be put into the Action Plan. An announcement of the next Action Plan Committee meeting will be made at the General Council Meeting. There will also be an opportunity to volunteer to join the Action Plan Committee.

SWC Self Assessment

Please note that there is an insert in this newsletter...we are requesting that members fill out and either mail back to the Council or bring to the next General Council Meeting (filled out). You may remember doing this self assessment two years ago; it is very important that we do this assessment every biennium. We used the last assessment to gauge how well the Council was serving the members and the watershed. From your feedback we have streamlined some processes and have made Council documents more readily available through our website. Please take the time to fill out the survey, your input is very valuable! Thank you!

Siuslaw Watershed Council Membership Form

Type of Membership:

Landowner _____ Community Member _____ Industry _____

Government Agency: _____ Tribal: _____

Name: _____ **Today's Date:** _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Please choose any of the following:

- Tax-deductible membership enclosed(\$10 regular, \$0 students).
- Additional tax-deductible donation enclosed. Amount \$ _____
- I am interested in volunteer opportunities with the Siuslaw Watershed Council

Schedule of Events

September 29—Siuslaw Watershed Council General Meeting: 6:30 pm, Mapleton Grange,
E. Mapleton Road.

October 4—Siuslaw SWCD Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Port of Siuslaw 1499 Bay Street, Florence.

October 7—SWC Technical Team Meeting: 9:30 am, Upper Compound, Mapleton.

October 13— SWC Executive Committee Meeting: 5:30 pm., Upper Compound, Mapleton.

October 27—Siuslaw Watershed Council General Meeting: 6:30 pm, Mapleton Grange,
E. Mapleton Road.

Action Planning Meeting Date to be announced at the September General Council Meeting

Siuslaw Watershed Council Mission Statement

The Siuslaw Watershed Council supports sound economic, social and environmental uses of natural and human resources in the Siuslaw River Basin. The Council encourages cooperation among public and private watershed entities to promote awareness and understanding of watershed functions by adopting and implementing a total watershed approach to natural resource management and production.



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What's Happening In Your Watershed?